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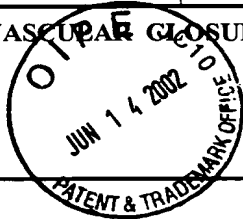
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Title: VASCULAR CLOSURE DEVICE



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Transmitted herewith is:

1. Corrected IPER from the International Application, No. PCT/IL99/00674, including annexes, mailed on October 19, 2001
2. Second Preliminary Amendment

in the above identified application.

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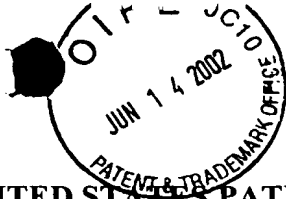
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Art Unit: 3732

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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to receipt of a corrected International Preliminary Examination Report mailed on October 19, 2001, kindly amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the present claim 1 with the following claim in clean form:

B' 1. (Amended) A device for sealing a hole in a blood vessel, comprising:

a ring;

a plurality of spikes extending from said ring, towards a center of said ring and to a first direction along an axis of said ring, said spikes being adapted for engaging a blood vessel;

a plurality of tabs extending substantially radially from said ring,

wherein rotating said tabs around said ring, distorts said ring such that said spikes are rotated in a same direction as said tabs and push together blood vessel lips of a hole in a blood vessel mounted on said spikes, to close a hole in said blood vessel.

## REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to a corrected International Preliminary Examination Report mailed on October 19, 2001 and established by the IPEA/US.

Claim 1 in the present amendment has been amended to match claim 1 of the corrected IPER.